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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Officer for General Purpose Forces
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Deployment of Ground Forces

1. I heard the Secretary of Defense give an unclassified talk the other night. I thought that he said in it that you had to lift ten tons per soldier if you were to deploy forces overseas. I assume this must include something like 30 days of consumables. Would you be good enough to check with PA&E or someone in the Pentagon as to whether ten tons per soldier is in fact a good number and, if so, what it includes. (U)

2. If ten tons per soldier is a good number and if a C-5A carries roughly 200,000 pounds, is it unreasonable then to suggest that to get a ground unit overseas strictly by air you would have to fly them in C-5As with ten soldiers and equipment in each one? Clearly, if the ten tons includes a lot of fuel, that is a distorted view of course. (U)



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